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The Chancellor has suggested that the Prime Minister might like to see the attached extract from a speech made on 1 December by the Defence Secretary to a closed session of the NATO Defence Planning Committee in Brussels. In the Chancellor's view, its positive presentation of the UK defence effort is exactly right, and one that all Ministers should be able to take when speaking to audiences in this country as well as abroad.

Jans ens Addem.